

SERVICE

(Hands-on, Ministry and Missions)

THE BIBICAL PRIORITY OF SERVICE

1. Jesus came to serve. – Matthew 20:28
2. God calls us to serve. – Galatians 5:13-14
3. God desires humility through service. – Matthew 23:11-12, 20:26-27

CHARACTERISTICS OF A *SERVICE LEADER*

- Has a heart and passion to serve God by serving others without expecting anything in return.
- Able to motivate and mobilize people around himself to meet the needs of others.
- Actively seeks out opportunities to serve others.
- Able to plan and organize service projects and delegate tasks as needed.
- Resourceful and reliable.

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF A *SERVICE LEADER*

- Receive any church-wide leadership needs and report these to the Bible Fellowship Team (**BFT**) while encouraging individuals toward serving in these areas according to their spiritual gifts, passions, and personal styles.
- Inform your **BFT** Teacher and other Team leaders of individuals who agree to serve in areas of needed ministry. Lead the class to commission and pray for these members before they leave the class.
- Constantly be aware of any needs arising in your class or in the church body (specifically with widows, elderly, single parents).
- Seek out opportunities to meet needs in the community by involving your class in service projects.
- Provide multiple service opportunities so that all may participate. Be creative as well as involving **BFT** members in developing new mission opportunities in your class
- Attend Bible Fellowship TEAMS Leadership meetings and annual training events.

THE *MISSIONARY LEADER*

Another important function in the area of Service is performed by the *Missionary Leader*. Their purpose is to guide the class to stay in touch with those who leave the **BFT** to serve in other areas of ministry during the Adult Bible Fellowship hour. Their basic responsibilities include:

- Make the **BFT** aware of prayer requests or any other needs these missionary members have.
- Lead the class to send cards of encouragement or provide other gestures of hospitality to those “missionary members”.
- Make sure these members are aware of and invited to every fellowship activity or special function of the **BFT**.
- Make a display board with photos of the ‘missionary members’ and short bios explaining their areas of ministry.